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THE KINGDOM.

A MISSIONARY CATECHISM.

I.

1. *What is a Missionary?* A person who is sent to tell the Gospel story.

2. *What is the Gospel story?* "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (St. John iii., 16).

3. *Who was the first Missionary?* The Son of God.

4. *Who sent Him?* His Father.

5. *Whence was He sent?* From Heaven.

6. *To whom was He sent?* To all the world.

7. *To what country on the earth did He come?* To Palestine, in Asia.

8. *What was the chief city of Palestine?* Jerusalem.

9. *How long was our Lord preparing for His work as a man?* Thirty years

10. *How long a time did He spend in this work?* Probably about three years and a half.

11. *Who were the first Missionaries to the Jews?* The shepherds.

12. *Who were the first Missionaries to the Gentiles?* The Wise Men.

13. *What are the two great Missionary days in the Christian Year?* Christmas Day, when the Son of God was sent to His own chosen people Israel; and the Epiphany, when He was manifested to the whole Gentile world

II.

1. *Did our Lord appoint any Missionaries while He was on earth?* Yes.

2. *Recite the words from which you learn this, in the tenth chapter of St. Luke's Gospel.* "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come. Therefore said He unto them, **The harvest truly is great, but the labourers**

are few : pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest. . . . Go your ways . . . and say . . . The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. . . . He that heareth you heareth Me ; and he that despiseth you despiseth Me ; and he that despiseth Me despiseth Him that sent Me" (St. Luke x., 1, 2, 3, 9, 16).

3. *But who were the chief Missionaries appointed by our Lord?* The twelve Apostles.

4. *What does Apostle mean?* One sent forth.

5. *What are the names of the twelve Apostles?* "Now the names of the twelve Apostles are these : The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother ; James, the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, Philip and Bartholomew , Thomas, and Matthew the publican ; James, the son of Alphæus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddæus : Simon the Canaanite, and Judas

Iscariot, who also betrayed Him" (St. Matt. x., 2, 3, 4).

6. *Which of the Apostles was the first called to be a disciple?* St. Andrew.

7. *What did he do at once?* He went and called his brother.

8. *Repeat the words of our Lord's Commission to the Apostles for their Missionary work, as recorded by St. John.* "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you" (St. John xx., 21).

9. *When were these words spoken?* On the evening of the first Easter Day.

10. *Repeat the Missionary Commission as recorded by St. Mark.* "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature" (St. Mark xvi., 15).

11. *As recorded by St. Matthew.* "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (St. Matt. xxviii., 10 20.)

III.

1. *What Missionary from Heaven took the place of the Son of God after He left the earth in the flesh? The Holy Ghost.*

2. *Repeat the words of our Lord in which the Holy Ghost was promised.* “I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever.” “The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (St. John xiv., 16, 26).

3. *Repeat the words of the Old Testament which promised the same gift.* “I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh ; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions : And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit. . . . And it shall come to

pass that whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be delivered " (Joel ii , 28, 29, 32).

4. *Prophecy sometimes means foretelling : what else does it mean ?* It means speaking for God . that is, telling the glad tidings of Salvation ; teaching the Truth as it is in Jesus ; preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom.

5. *What day, the third great Missionary day in the Christian Year, is the Day of the Holy Ghost ?* Whitsunday:

IV.

1. *Was it then the duty of all the first Christians to be Missionaries ?* Yes.

2. *Who were their official leaders and guides ?* The Apostles and Presbyters ; their Pastors and chief Pastors.

3. *What are the words of the Chief Pastor of all, in which He commissioned from Heaven all Christians on earth to be His Missionaries ?* " Let him that heareth say, Come " (Rev. xxii., 17).

4. *Where is that Commission found ?*

In the last chapter of the last Book of the Holy Bible.

5. *Who was the great Missionary to the Jews?* St. Peter.

6. *In what words did our Lord, after His Resurrection, speak to St. Peter and the other disciples of their Missionary work?* He said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts i., 8).

7. *St. James became the first Bishop of Jerusalem: How may the Missionary work in Jerusalem be described?* As City Missionary work.

8. *How may the Missionary work in the villages and towns of Judea outside of Jerusalem be distinguished from that in the city?* By calling it Diocesan Missionary work, that is, work in the Diocese outside its central point.

9. *How may we describe the work that went on in Samaria and within the*

country limits of Palestine? As Home, or Domestic Missionary work.

10. *Then the Missionary work to the uttermost ends of the earth—what would be a natural name for that?* Foreign Missionary work.

11. *Who was the great Apostle to the Gentiles, the first Foreign Missionary Overseer or Bishop?* St. Paul.

V.

1. *Who took the place of Judas, and did not receive the Apostolic Missionary Commission directly from our Lord Himself?* St. Matthias.

2. *How was he commissioned?* By the Eleven, acting for their King.

3. *When do we believe that our Lord arranged the official affairs of His Kingdom?* During the Great Forty Days between His Resurrection and His Ascension, when He gave commandment unto the Apostles, whom He had chosen, “speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God” (Acts i., 1-3).

4. *Was St. Paul chosen by prayer and by lot or election, as was St. Matthias?* No.

5. *Whence did he receive the Apostolic Call and Commission?* Directly from Christ Himself, speaking to him from Heaven.

6. *How many great Missionary journeys did St. Paul make?* Three.

7. *What Book of the Holy Bible contains the record of these Missionary journeys, and describes the doings of the first band of Missionary leaders and their Presbyters and Deacons?* The Acts of the Holy Apostles.

8. *Who wrote that Book?* The Evangelist St. Luke, Missionary, and companion of St. Paul in some of his travels.

9. *What region did St. Paul visit in his first Missionary journey?* Asia Minor.

10. *Where did he go in his second Missionary journey?* To Greece.

11. *What great city did he visit after his third Missionary journey?* Rome.

VI.

1. *How far toward the uttermost ends of the earth had the Missionary work of Christ's Kingdom reached before the year 100?* From Jerusalem to the Isles of the Sea in the Atlantic, possibly to Great Britain.

2. *How much farther had it reached before the year 1500?* To the Continent of America.

3. *Since that time, how far has Christianity extended?* Across America, across the Isles of the Sea in the Pacific, to Asia, and back to Jerusalem.

4. *What words of Holy Scripture referring to the Missionary work of God's Holy Church seem now to be fulfilled?* "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. xi., 9). "His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, and from the flood unto the world's end" (Ps. lxxii., 8). "From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same My Name shall be great among the Gentiles:

and in every place incense shall be offered unto My Name, and a pure offering : for My Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of Hosts" (Mal. i., 11). "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation : I the Lord will hasten it in His time" (Isa. lx., 22).

5. *Then between the first century and the nineteenth, how has Christ's Kingdom grown?* From one Person, the little Child in the cradle of Bethlehem, to the great nation of Christians the world over, on earth and in Paradise.

VII.

1. *About how many human beings are there said to be on this earth to-day?*
About 1,500,000,000.

2. *How many of these are nominally Christians?* About 500,000,000.

3. *How many are heathen?* About 1,000,000,000.

4. *What do these numbers show us?*
The Missionary work we Christians have to do.

5. *What are to-day the three great hindrances to our Saviour's work, in our own country and in heathen lands?* Lack of faith; the divisions of Christendom, and the unchristian lives of many Christians.

6 *What is our duty in the face of these obstacles?* To try to remove them.

7. *What should be our daily prayer?* "Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief." "Increase our faith."

8. *How best can we strive together to heal the divisions of Christendom?* By continually using our Lord's prayer, "that they all may be one."

9. *How best can we work together to remedy the third evil?* By striving ourselves to lead truly Christian lives.

10. *What can we do to extend Christ's Kingdom on earth?* We can bear a brave witness for Christ: We can take an intelligent interest in the extension of His Kingdom: We can give our money for the spread of the Kingdom, and ourselves as Missionaries if God calls us; and we can pray.

VIII.

1. *What is the most important of all Missionary prayers?* The petition in the Lord's prayer: "Thy Kingdom come."

2. *What Missionary petition do we find in the prayer for "All Conditions of Men," in the order for daily Morning and Evening Prayer?*

"O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations."

3. *Repeat the Missionary Collect from the Prayer Book.*

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations into Thy fold, and add the heathen to Thine inherit-

ance. And we pray Thee shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

4. *Repeat the Missionary Hymn, 254 in the Hymnal.*

- 1 From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand;
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain
- 2 What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile?
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown,
The heathen in his blindness
Bows down to wood and stone.

3 Can we, whose souls are lighted
 With wisdom from on high:
 Can we to men benighted
 The lamp of life deny?
 Salvation, O salvation!
 The joyful sound proclaim,
 Till each remotest nation
 Has learnt Messiah's Name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, His story
 And you, ye waters, roll,
 Till, like a sea of glory,
 It spreads from pole to pole:
 Till o'er our ransomed nature,
 The Lamb for sinners slain,
 Redeemer, King, Creator,
 In bliss returns to reign.

5. *What are we to remember in all our Missionary work?* That Christ Himself is the great Seed-sower, and that the Holy Ghost is He who works with us and gives the increase.

6. *What should be the only motives for all Missionary work?* The salvation of souls, and the glory of God.

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